

REGION 9—HUDSON-DELAWARE

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September was warm and dry. Average temperature was 2.4°F above normal thanks to highs of 90° and 91° on 24 and 25 September. Precipitation was just 1.75", whereas the normal is 4.28". October was extremely warm. Nineteen days had highs of 70° or more. The month came in 7.5° warmer than normal. Not surprisingly, many species of warblers lingered to mid-month. Precipitation was 3.87" for Poughkeepsie but over 5" for White Plains, helped out by a coastal storm that intensified off the mid-Atlantic coast and fed by Tropical Storm Philippe off Florida. It brought heavy rains with tropical force gusts to the area on 29 October. Rain totals of 2.7-3.8" were typical. This relieved the drought level for the year. White Plains accumulated 4.62" from the storm. November

saw near normal temperatures but only received less than half of its normal 4" of precipitation.

A few Greater White-fronted and Cackling Geese were reported, suggesting that their numbers are increasing. A tagged **Whooper Swan** was found in Cornwall on 25 November.

The area hawk watches saw disappointing numbers for Broad-winged Hawks. There was an early push from 10-13 September, but remarkably each of the three watches had peaks on different days. Even the normal push a week later varied by hawk watch. Mt. Peter saw two peaks with 1140 on 17th and 1764 on the 21st. Chestnut Ridge saw no peak the third week of September, but Hook Mountain had 3164 on 22 September. Chestnut Ridge did have a banner year for Red-shouldered Hawks with counts over 100 on 4 and 8 November.

The Black-headed Gull returned to its winter haunt in Five Island Park on 25 November, but not before entertaining Bronx birders in nearby Pelham Bay Park.

A **Say's Phoebe** was discovered by Maria Loukeris off Oil City Road on 21 October. The bird was seen on Liberty Lane, across the street from the platform on Oil City Road. It was found in the late morning, but the ID was made in late afternoon and then reported. Several birders looked for it after that with no luck. It was not seen the next day.

Other notable birds include: Sandhill Crane, Long-billed Dowitcher, Northern Shrike, Blue Grosbeak, and Dickcissel.

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ABBREVIATIONS

CPP – Croton Pt P; **EGR** – Edith G. Read Wildlife Sanctuary; **MC** – Marshlands Conservancy; **RNC** – Rye Nature Center; **SGNWR** – Shawangunk Grasslands NWR.

WATERFOWL - VULTURES

Greater White-fronted Goose: Ryder P 3,6,7 Oct (DK, AL, JMcB), ph; Stone Barns Center, Tarrytown 3 Nov (VH); Amenia 3 Nov; Rockefeller SP Preserve 4, 20 Nov (VH,EG); 4 Tamarack L 5 Nov; Hunns Lake 24-26 Nov (VH,DK); Portchester Middle School 30 Nov (GB,TB).

Snow Goose: blue form Ryder P 7 Oct (AL, JMcB), ph

Brant: arr 12 EGR 4 Oct

Cackling Goose: Amenia 22 Oct, 3 Nov (CP, HT); 4 Tamarack L 5 Nov; Black Dirt Region 4, 21-25, 28 Nov (MF); Bronxville L 10 Nov (SC); Blue Chip Farm 13, 16-26 Nov (JH, CS, KMcD); Hamptonburgh 18 Nov (JH); Hunns Lake 25 Nov (DK); Warwick 26 Nov (KW).

WHOOPEE SWAN: Cornwall 25 Nov (StRa), tagged 8225, escape?

Canvasback: arr 1 CPP 22 Oct.

Surf Scoter: 4 EGR 22 Nov.

White-winged Scoter: 1-3 EGR 6 Oct, 1, 6, 14, 19, 22 Nov; 2-4 Ashokan Res 4, 6 Nov; 10 EGR 16 Nov; Tomahawk L, Washingtonville 24 Nov.

Black Scoter: EGR 30 Oct; 2-5 Ashokan Res 4, 6, 19 Nov; 2 EGR 6 Nov.

Long-tailed Duck: 2 EGR 30 Oct; Sylvan L 3 Nov; 20 Ashokan Res 4 Nov; 4 Abels Pond 6 Nov.

Red-breasted Merganser: Sylvan L 16 Oct (DK), unusual location.

Ring-necked Pheasant: 2 Galeville 16 Nov, likely released; A few reports from SULL and DUTC.

Ruffed Grouse: Stanfordville Wildlife Preserve 28 Sep.

Red-throated Loon: max 116 EGR 16 Nov (TB).

Horned Grebe: 38 Ashokan Res 23 Nov (PS).

Red-necked Grebe: Roundout Res 7 Nov; Neversink Res 11 Nov.

N. Gannet: EGR 25 Oct; 34 EGR 16 Nov; 11 EGR 22 Nov.

Great Cormorant: DeVries P, Sleepy Hollow 16 Sep (EG), early.

Snowy Egret: New Hamburg 22 Sep; 2 New Hamburg 5 Oct; Kingston Pt 8 Oct - 1 Nov; Rhinebeck 10 Nov.

Glossy Ibis: Citco Pond, Goshen 1-9, 19-20 Sep (KM, MZ).

HAWKS - LARIDS

Osprey: last Wappinger Lake 25 Nov.

Sharp-shinned Hawk: 200 Hook Mt 22 Sep.

Red-shouldered Hawk: 27 Mt Peter 4 Nov; 167 Chestnut Ridge 4 Nov; 22 Hook Mt 7 Nov; 105 Chestnut Ridge 8 Nov.

Broad-winged Hawk: 459 Chestnut Ridge 10 Sep; 839 Hook Mt 11 Sep; 922 Mt Peter 13 Sep; 1140 Mt Peter 17 Sep; 1764 Mt Peter 21 Sep; 3164 Hook Mt 22 Sep.

Rough-legged Hawk: Rockefeller SP 29 Oct; CPP 12 Oct.

Golden Eagle: 2 Black Dirt Region 5 Nov.

Clapper Rail: 3 MC 26 Sep, 6, 14 Oct; 2 MC 2 Nov.

Sora: MC 1, 3 Oct.

C. Gallinule: Round Pond 5 Oct.

Sandhill Crane: Rockefeller SP 16 Nov (VH).

Am. Oystercatcher: 2 EGR 6 Sep.

Am. Golden-Plover: 3-4 Hurley 1-3 Sep; 4 Pine I 3 Sep; 10 Morningside P 4 Sep; 12 Hurley 5 Sep (DO); 2 Black Dirt Region 4 Nov.

Semipalmated Plover: Strever Farm 1, 2 Sep, 7 Oct; Great Vly 21 Oct; Piermont Pier 20, 21, 24, 26 Oct.

Ruddy Turnstone: EGR 27 Oct.

Sanderling: Morningside P 1-3 Sep.

Dunlin: Saugerties 15, 24 Sep; 1-3 MC 16, 22, 23, 26 Oct, 1 Nov; Kingston Pt 11 Nov.

Purple Sandpiper: 3-4 EGR 23, 29 Nov.

Baird's Sandpiper: Nannahagan Park in Pleasantville 2 Sep; Pine I 3 Sep; Morningside P 26 Sep, 6 Oct.

Buff-breasted Sandpiper: max 5 Skinner's Lane 8 Sep.

Pectoral Sandpiper: 9 Saugerties 16 Sep; 8 Saugerties 15 Oct;

Long-billed Dowitcher: Walkkill R NWR 15, 27 Oct (StRo), ph.

Bonaparte's Gull: Ashokan Res 21 Oct; EGR 30 Oct; Strauss Marsh 31 Oct; Neversink Res 1 Nov; 7 Ashokan Res 4 Nov.

Black-headed Gull: Five Island P 25 Nov (TG, JR).

Laughing Gull: 150 EGR 16 Nov (GB), large number for so late in the season.

Iceland Gull: EGR 28 Nov.

Glaucous Gull: Kingston 15 Nov.

Com. Tern: Morningside P 4, 5 Sep.

Forster's Tern: Morningside P 4-5 Sep (JF, SB); 2 MC 4, 11 Sep.

PIGEONS - PARROTS

Barn Owl: Mohonk 27 Sep.

Snowy Owl: Ulster 15 Nov (JCI).

Short-eared Owl: arr SGNWR 16 Nov; 4 SGNWR 26 Nov.

N. Saw-whet Owl: 1-2 Woodstock 17, 21 Oct, 19 Nov; Willow 16-18 Oct; Kenneth Wilson Campground 21 Oct; 3 Ellenville 14 Nov.

Com. Nighthawk: 80 MC 1 Sep; 101 Wawarsing 4 Sep; 87 Dover 15 Sep.

E. Whip-poor-will: Rochester 18 Sep.

Ruby-throated Hummingbird: last Hartsdale 16 Oct.

Red-headed Woodpecker: max 9 Weston Rd Marsh 17 Sep.

Monk Parakeet: 10 Larchmont 3 Nov; 3 New Rochelle 13 Nov; 3 Nyack 28 Nov.

FLYCATCHERS - WAXWINGS

Yellow-bellied Flycatcher: MC 2 Sep; Hurley 3 Sep; 3 Bashakill 8 Sep; Minnewaska 12 Sep.

Least Flycatcher: Red Wing Recreation Park 29, 30 Nov (MSo, DK), calling, video.

SAY'S PHOEBE: Oil City Rd 21 Oct (MLO).

N. Shrike: SGNWR 25-26 Nov (MG, MD); Galeville P 26 Nov (KeMcD).

Philadelphia Vireo: Depot Hill 4 Sep; Kingston 8 Sep; Bashakill 9, 21 Sep; Rochester 10 Sep; 2 Saugerties 12 Sep, 16 Oct; MC 13 Sep; 2 Minnewaska 12, 14 Sep; .

Tree Swallow: lingered PP thru 7 Nov.

Marsh Wren: 1-2 MC 1, 12, 26 Sep; 3 MC 1 Oct, 1 Nov.

Blue-gray Gnatcatcher: CPP 28 Oct.

Ruby-crowned Kinglet: Bashakill 1 Sep (SB), early.

Gray-cheeked Thrush: Nuclear L 20 Sep; Buttercup Sanc West 26 Oct; Pocatico L 9 Nov.

Wood Thrush: Hunt-Parker Sanctuary 2 Nov (TJ).

LONGSPURS – WARBLERS

Snow Bunting: 16 EGR 2 Nov; 14 EGR 18, 21 Nov

Orange-crowned Warbler: Esopus 30 Sep; MC 11, 12 Oct, 2, 4, 6, 7 Nov; EGR 8, 9, 19 Nov; Cross R Res 16 Nov.

Connecticut Warbler: Bashakill 9, 25 Sep (JH, SB); Wallkill R NWR 12, 15, 16 Sep (RS, LS, GB); Peach Hill P 16 Sep (MR); Steward SF 28 Sep (AL).

N. Parula: Kingston Pt 6 Nov.

Bay-breasted Warbler: last Hillview Res 6 Oct (SC)

Palm Warbler: 1-2 MC 12-14, 17 Sep (JS, GB, TB), early.

Pine Warbler: CPP 25 Nov.

Wilson's Warbler: CPP 22 Nov (J&SF).

Yellow-breasted Chat: Wallkill R NWR 7 Sep (LS, MLo); CPP 24, 25 Oct (TJ).

TOWHEES - WEAVERS

Clay-colored Sparrow: 2 Town of Ulster 18 Sep; MC 21 Oct; CPP 23, 24 Nov.

Vesper Sparrow: 2 Pine Plains 5 Sep; Stony Kill 9 Sep; Ulster 18 Sep, 22, 28 Oct; Marbletown 18 Oct; 2 Bashakill 17 Oct; EGR 23 Oct.

"Ipswich" Sparrow: CPP 24 Nov (PH).

Grasshopper Sparrow: 2 Greig Farm 16 Sep.

Nelson's Sparrow: Wallkill R NWR 2 Oct; max 4 MC 20 Oct; 1-3 MC 1 Oct -1 Nov.

Saltmarsh Sparrow: MC 14 Oct.

Lincoln's Sparrow: Depot Hill 4 Sep (CP), early; max 5 Stonykill 26 Sep.

White-crowned Sparrow: arrived Rockefeller SP 12 Sep (MSt), early; Depot Hill 21 Sep.

Blue Grosbeak: 2 Rockefeller SP Preserve 2 Sep (MSt), ph; Scarsdale 21 Oct (SMo).

Dickcissel: Marbletown 8 Sep (PS); CPP 5 Oct; MC 11 Oct (GB).

Bobolink: last Marbletown 14 Oct.

Pine Siskin: 2 Bashakill 7 Nov.

EXOTICS

Chukar: Galeville 16 Nov (KeMcD).

Mandarin Duck: Six and a Half Station Rd. Sanctuary 16, 20 Nov (KA).

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